Bernalillo, Cochiti and Santo Domingo Middle School Dress Code Policy

In order to promote the educational process and to ensure the health and safety of staff and students, Bernalillo, Cochiti and Santo Domingo Middle School expects each student’s appearance, mode of dress, and/or cleanliness to demonstrate good taste and modesty. **The administration will have ultimate responsibility and authority for all issues pertaining to the dress code policy.**

To implement the above standards, the following regulations will be in effect for students when on school property or when representing the school at academic, social, and/or athletic events on and off-campus activities. The dress code policy applies during all school days, school activities, and field trips. The dress code policy for students in extra-curricular activities may be subject to a more stringent dress code.

The Dress Code and Standard of Decency in accordance with Bernalillo Public Schools board policy 6.11.2.9 NMAC includes but is not limited to the following:

**A. Allowed:**
- All clothes must fit properly and be the appropriate size.
- Shirts with or without collars may be any color including prints, checks, stripes, and plaids. All tops must have sleeves.
- College gear
- Hoodies
- Jeans, Dockers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, and Dresses. Jeans will be defined as: Denim jeans that are waist size appropriate. Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts, including slits, must be four inches above the knee.

**B. Not Allowed:**
- No graphics, pictures, or writing on clothing that advertises, displays, or promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual activity, violence, disrespect, and/or bigotry towards any group.
- Any clothing that is or becomes a symbol of gangs will be prohibited.
- Exposed underwear including boxers, sports bras, bras, and excessively tight, see-through, or revealing clothing.
- No adornments, no ripped or torn clothing.
- Visible cleavage, navels, and/or midriffs. No skin should be shown between the bottom of the shirt/blouse and the top of the pants/skirt when arms are stretched upward.
- Pajamas (top or bottom), or clothing that appears to look like pajamas, unless it is a sanctioned school function, i.e., pajama day.
- Hats, caps, or head coverings of any kind including bandanas, “do-rags”, shower caps, hairnets are not to be worn in the building except when there is a specific instructional, safety, religious, or medical reason to do so.
- Facial piercings are not allowed.
- Any piece of clothing or accessory that can be a safety hazard may also be deemed unacceptable. Safety pins used as a design statement are not permitted. Spiked jewelry and/or chains are not permitted.

**C. Other Provisions:**
- Pants must fit at the waist without the aid of a belt. Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be neatly hemmed, no fraying over 1 inch long permitted. No excessively baggy or long pants with low-hanging crotches permitted.
- Footwear that is safe and appropriate for weather and other conditions must be worn at all times on campus and in buildings. Flip-flops, slides, heels, steel-toed boots, and house slippers are not allowed.
- If coat or jacket is worn inside a building, it must remain open at all times.
- Light jackets may be worn in the classroom, but no heavy and/or bulky coats. No trench coats.
- Hair shall be groomed so that it is clean and safe for participation in any school activity.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside buildings.
- Leggings/spandex are only allowed under approved shorts, skirts, dresses, tunic and skorts.
- Approved school spirit wear for all BMS clubs and activities are permitted.
- Approved special event day dress is permitted.

**Certain Lab classes may require a stricter dress code due to safety concerns.**